

BROOM LAKE

Well away from any main road, this beautiful 6 acre gravel pit offers that feeling of total seclusion thanks to its tree-lined banks and five islands. SDAA have controlled the fishing rights since 1987 and it is managed as a mixed fishery. The lake has a fairly even depth of 7-9 feet (*see below for depth map*) and is weed free, which suits a wide variety of methods. All this makes Broom Lake a real pleasure to fish whatever you want from your days out. With 42 pegs spread over 6 acres the lake is rarely crowded.

The lake contains a good head of carp, tench and bream. The majority of the original carp are scale perfect commons with a smaller number of mirrors and the odd ghost carp. Many of these carp are now over 20lb, with the biggest just under the 30lb mark. These have been supplemented with the recent (2009 and 2011) stockings of 75 stunning looking mirror carp to 10lb from AJS Fisheries, which will grow on to provide the future specimens. The bream and tench both go into double figures to provide further interest for the specimen angler, and the occasional large crucian carp turn up in catches. There are plentiful shoals of silver fish (roach, rudd, perch and small bream) for those who like to float fish with rod and line or on the pole. The plentiful supply of silver fish ensures there are also good numbers of pike to upper doubles. To maintain Broom as a mixed fishery roach (2013), tench and bream (2014) in the 6oz-1lb range have been introduced as part of our ongoing stocking policy.

The lake has secure gated access to a large car park. When the weather permits, anglers are allowed to drive (cars and small vans only) around the lake and park directly behind their pegs. The track has undergone major repairs to allow it to stay open for longer periods.

Historically night fishing was not been permitted at Broom Lake, apart from organised events. However, night fishing was introduced in June 2012, provided members have the appropriate Night Permit. Night fishing is only permitted from around 50% of the pegs to prevent the lake from becoming overcrowded and ensure there are pegs available for day anglers.

In recent years a lot of effort has been put into reducing the level of silt caused by years of accumulated leaf drop. Many trees have been cut back or removed to reduce the leafdrop and 5 tonnes of Siltex has been applied annually to break down the silt and release the nutrients. An EA survey in November 2011 confirmed a healthy stock of roach with fish to 1lb, showing improved growth rates since the Siltex application was started.



Craig Brooks 27lb 10oz ghostie



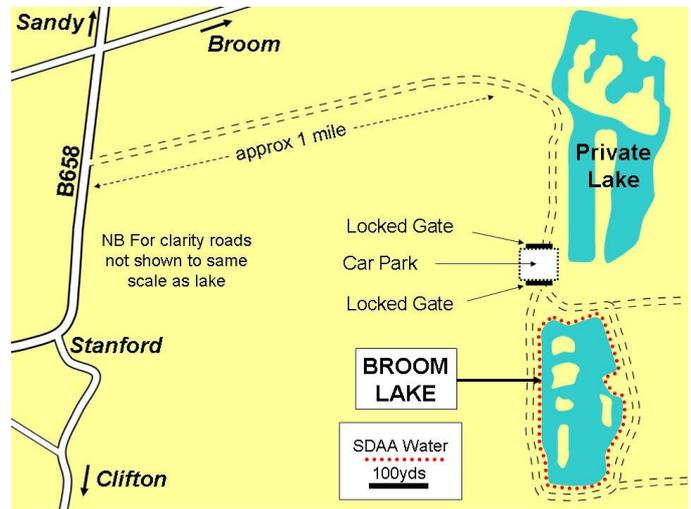
Andy Knight 23lb mirror



EA survey - 500lb+ net of mainly roach



Broom Lake in January



Location

- Broom Lake is located close to the River Ivel to the east of the B658 (Shefford to Sandy road). Going north from Stanford along the B658 take the first single track road on the right, signed Broom Quarry. Drive for approximately 1 mile to the SDAA car park, complying with all signs and speed limits. [Track Grid Ref. TL16444196, Sat Nav SG18 9LB (Broom crossroads)]

Species Present

- Carp, tench, bream, pike, roach, rudd, perch and crucian carp.



Alan Lawrence 9lb 6oz tench



Chris Perry 15lb 4oz pike

Fishery Rules

These rules apply to Broom Lake, in addition to the full set of Club rules:

- Night Permit required for night fishing (Junior Night Permit holders must be accompanied by a night permit holder over the age of 18 and occupy the same swim whilst night fishing).
- A maximum of three consecutive nights and at least a two night break applies to Broom Lake.
- The following pegs are designated 'day only' (i.e. must not to be used for night fishing): 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41 & 42.
- Fishing from marked swims only.
- Members fishing pegs 26-42 on the western ('farmer's field') bank are permitted to cast into the gaps between the nearby islands, but must not cast beyond the furthest edge of the islands (NB Rule 12 also applies).
- The track around the lake is only designed to be used by cars and small vans, and will only remain open as long as conditions permit. Vehicles must be driven around the track with great care at all times. The track should only be used after dark if absolutely necessary, showing courtesy and consideration to fellow anglers night fishing. The track is unsuitable for long wheelbase and/or heavy vehicles. Any vehicle over 2m in height must be parked in the main car park and not driven around the track, unless the owner has prior written permission from the committee.

Recent Stockings

November 2009
AJS Fisheries C3 'scaley' carp
19 mirrors
Average: 8lb
(range: 6-10lb)



8lb mirror (2009)

October 2011
AJS Fisheries C3 'scaley' carp
55 mirrors plus one common
Average: 5.5lb
(range: 4-7lb)



6lb 12oz mirror (2011)

March 2013
Southern Fisheries Services
600 roach
Size: 8-10 inches



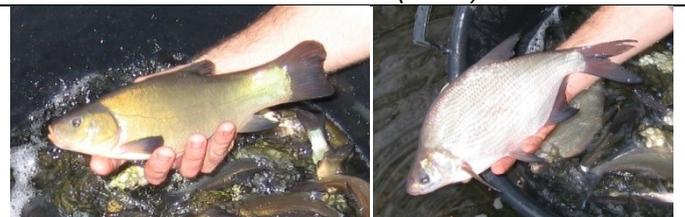
8-10 inch roach (2013)

March 2014
Mainstream Fisheries
200 bream
Size: 6oz-1lb



6oz-1lb bream (2014)

December 2014
Meadow View Fisheries
500 tench & bream
Size: 6oz-1lb



6oz-1lb tench and bream (2014)

BROOM LAKE DEPTH MAP

BROOM DEPTH MAP: THE LAKE WATER LEVEL WAS NORMAL AT THE TIME THE SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT.

1 FOOT
2 FEET
3 FEET
4 FEET
5 FEET
6 FEET
7 FEET
8 FEET
9 FEET

